

Application Form

Profile

Elena

First Name

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Last Name

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City

CT

State

06511

Postal Code

Home: (203) 887-4858

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are any of the above number a cell phone number?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Self

Employer

Data Scientist and Ice Cream Shop Owner

Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Fair Rent Commission: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? \*

☒ Reappointment

Interests & Experiences

[Elena\\_Grewal\\_Resume\\_2023.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Are you currently employed by the city of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System

☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to Fair Rent Commission

Are you a landlord, renter, or someone who works with either landlords or renters? If so, please explain which?

landlord

### Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

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Continuing term. Helping people to afford living in New Haven and giving a fair perspective for both sides. There is an affordable housing crisis in New Haven and I would like to do my part to help. As a landlord of a 3-unit building, I have experienced first hand how many people are looking for housing to no avail. When I listed one unit in December, it was heartbreaking to hear from so many individuals including parents of small children who were struggling to find housing. I can only do so much with my one unit for rent, and this commission is an opportunity to do more. I also like that this commission will take a nuanced approach, hearing all sides, rather than a blanket policy, which can have unintended consequences.

### Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected Board and Commissions?

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Continuing term. Helping people to afford living in New Haven and giving a fair perspective for both sides. I am a small landlord and can provide that critical perspective in terms of what landlords might be dealing with in terms of bills and challenges, to help suss out what is valid and what is not. In addition I will bring a critical skill set to the commission - data analysis. As a world renowned data science leader, I can help the commission source data to make the best, most fair decisions for individual cases and to uncover insights on the housing market holistically. With a background in technology, I can advise the commission in improving processes for handling complaints. Finally, I have served as the Chair of the East Rock Community Management team and have experience spreading information to my community, gathering community members, and ensuring that public forums allow all voices to be heard. This will be critical for the commission to be seen as effective and fair.

### Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in the board/commission meetings?

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No

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### Demographics

#### In order to stay compliant with State Statute, what is your political affiliation on your voter registration?

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Democrat

#### In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?

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☒ Yes ☐ No

### Ethnicity

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☒ Other

### Gender

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☒ Female